

## BOARD OF FORESTRY AND FIRE PROTECTION

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### MINUTES BOARD OF FORESTRY AND FIRE PROTECTION March 5, 6, & 7, 2002 Sacramento, California

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Stan Dixon, Chairman  
Mark Bosetti  
Robert Heald  
Tharon O'Dell  
Gary Rynearson

**MEMBER(S) ABSENT:** Kirk Marckwald

**BOARD STAFF PRESENT:** Daniel R. Sendek, Executive Officer  
and Acting Executive Officer, Foresters Licensing  
Donna Stadler, Executive Assistant

**DEPARTMENTAL STAFF:** Andrea Tuttle, Director  
Ross Johnson, Deputy Director/Resource Management  
Dean Lucke, Assistant Deputy Director  
Gerald Ahlstrom, Forest Practice Staff Chief  
Jim Mote, Regulations Coordinator

### CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Dixon called the March 2002 Board of Forestry and Fire Protection meeting to order.

### REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Dixon reported that the Board met in Executive Session and asked the Executive Officer to give that report.

Mr. Daniel Sendek, Executive Officer for the Board, announced that on February 28, 2002, the Committee to interview applicants for the position of Executive Officer for Foresters Licensing met and selected George Gentry, Jr. He noted that the Committee consisted of Members Heald and O'Dell, Doug Ferrier, (Chairman of the PFEC), and himself.

Mr. O'Dell commented that four applicants had been interviewed and all were well qualified.

Mr. Heald added that the Committee was unanimous on the appointment.

Mr. Sendek noted that Mr. Gentry would take his office on March 28, 2002.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Chairman Dixon asked for action on the Board's January and February 2002 minutes.

**02-03-1** Mr. Heald moved to approve the January and February minutes as amended. Mr. O'Dell seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

### **REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN**

Chairman Dixon announced that Member Bosetti has agreed to serve as Chairman of the Resource Protection Committee. He noted that agenda item seven would be held over until the April meeting.

### **REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR**

Ms. Andrea Tuttle, Director of Forestry and Fire Protection, announced that Rich Just has been appointed to Assistant Deputy Director for Fire Protection. Mr. Just had been in charge of the Aviation Program.

Director Tuttle reported that the landing gear of the new S2T had collapsed while in the hanger. She noted that the S2T was still under warranty and the fractured component would be replaced.

Director Tuttle reported on a large fire in San Diego County. The media accused CDF of not being prepared because air support was not available. The CDF fleet was in maintenance. She noted that San Diego County is in a draught situation, the Santa Ana winds were fueling the fire, and that planes would not have been able to fly in those winds had they been available. Although CDF responded as quickly as possible, it is not in fire season. The Department viewed the accusation as an opportunity to educate local government on CDF's funding limitations. San Diego County would like for CDF to be available year-round, however, it is only budgeted for peak periods.

Director Tuttle reported that the North Coast Water Assessment Program (NCWAP) drafts had been distributed to the Legislature. The drafts are concerning three watersheds, and once the drafts have been reviewed by the Legislature, they will go out for public review. She then reviewed the NCWAP process for the Board. The trends have not been identified; that is the next step in the process.

Director Tuttle said that the Farm Bill, has gone through the House and is in the Senate. It should be ready for a vote as early as next week. She indicated that there is a lot of support for the bill, especially the portions dealing with SOD.

### **REPORT OF THE OAK MORTALITY TASK FORCE**

Ms. Katie Facino, Information Officer for the California Oak Mortality Task Force (COMTF), provided the Board with the Legislative update. The USDA issued federal quarantine regulations for *Phytophthora ramorum* on February 14, 2002. A public hearing was held February 27, 2002. The federal quarantine covers movement of materials out of California. The California Department

of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) regulations cover movement between counties within the state. State regulations remain in effect with the federal quarantine.

Ms. Facino reported that the COMTF and the CDFA are sponsoring a training session on "Basic Management of Sudden Oak Death on Forestlands," scheduled for March 13, 2002. The class will combine lectures and field exercises in regulatory sampling and notification procedures, symptom recognition, and survey and mitigation measures.

Ms. Facino said that the Farm bill passed by the U.S. Senate in February includes a provision authorizing \$70 million for the fight against SOD. The bill is now in a joint House and Senate Conference Committee. She noted that AB 2251 calls for \$6.2 million in state funds for SOD management, monitoring, research, and education.

Ms. Facino reported that CDF and the USDAFS have revised their SOD monitoring plan for California. The document is still under development with summaries and study plans for each project to be added as soon as they are available.

Ms. Facino noted that the first peer-reviewed scientific paper on *Phytophthora ramorum* would be in the March issue of the Journal "Plant Disease." She then announced that the next meeting of the COMTF would be May 14 and 15, 2002, in Santa Rosa.

Mr. Mark Stanley, Assistant Deputy Director for Resource Management, noted that the training session would consist of one-day information and one-day field trip. The sessions can accommodate 100 individuals and the May session is now full; however, there is another session being planned.

#### **REPORT OF FEDERAL AGENCIES INCLUDING USDA FOREST SERVICE, NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE, US FISH & WILDLIFE SERVICE AND US ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

Mr. Joe Blum, National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), reported that the public review of the ESU, including areas where fish hatcheries are a component, resulted from the Oregon judge's decision. A draft policy will be issued for a 60-day review period for public comment. He noted that the case in Seattle, which challenged the 4(d) rule, was upheld and that the judge ruled that the 4(d) rule was based on process and not actual rules in place. He will supply the Board with a copy of that ruling.

Ms. Christine Nota, USDA Forest Service, announced that the Regional Forester, Jack Blackwell, could not be at the March meeting, but hopes to attend the April meeting of the Board.

Ms. Nota provided a handout on the Sierra Nevada Framework's Plan Amendment Review Team Charter and reviewed it for the Board. She reported that the Sierra Nevada Framework Team was up and running. There was an inter-agency team meeting and the issues are being identified and sent to forest supervisors. A policy team will be formed. She noted that the Director would be a participant in the policy team.

Ms. Nota outlined the Forest Service's fuels management accomplishments for the Board. She noted that 149,000 acres were treated, which is 80 percent of the yearly average. There were 38,000 acres treated with prescribed fire. This was the largest area of shortfall, due primarily to a decline in burning weather conditions. Nationwide, there were more fires with fewer acres burned. The goal for 2002 is to be at 95 percent of the Forest Service's most efficient level. Next month she will provide a report on the cooperative program with CDF.

Ms. Nota reported that Forest Service is looking at a program to come up with a better fire shelter. There are currently four new prototypes being tested and by May there should be a prototype selected. The goal is to have 100,000 new shelters by June 2003.

Mr. Heald asked if the new fire shelters would be as portable as the old shelters.

Ms. Nota indicated that she did not know. She also noted that hose couplings were still being tested and the studies continuing.

Mr. Heald inquired about the status of the Sequoia National Monument and its relationship to the Sierra Nevada Framework.

Ms. Nota said that she would provide a report on the Sequoia National Monument.

## **PUBLIC FORUM**

Mr. Mark Rentz, California Forestry Association (CFA), commented that the concerns of CFA are that the forestry issue is isolated unto itself and it undermines the necessity for a good scientific analysis. He, also, expressed concerns over the lack of science that went into the draft SOD rules that went into the Federal Register. A Notice of Intent has been filed with the National Marine Fisheries Service by the Landowners of California regarding the Northern and Southern Oregon Coho ESU. Mr. Rentz provided a copy of the *North Coast Journal* for the Board and referred to the documentation of large fish runs in the Journal. He said that there are no statewide population studies in progress. He urged the Board to encourage the Department of Fish and Game and the National Marine Fisheries Service to brief this Board on what they are doing to collect population information, as well as their plans to continue the effort.

Chairman Dixon requested a future briefing by DFG and NMFS on their efforts and plans for sampling populations.

Mr. William Hultgren expressed his appreciation to the Board and the Department for looking at the THP process and encouraged them to continue looking at SOD equipment movement standards. He believes that the Oregon rules are less restrictive, well written, and makes our rules look bad and that it is important to amend the rules. He did not understand why Oregon has the 4(d) rule and California does not.

Mr. Richard Gienger thanked the Board for the workshops and believes that a third workshop may be necessary to solve the problems. He suggested that the Board publish its goals for the year. Mr. Gienger said that the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board had a hearing in Eureka last Thursday on five watersheds. He noted that there were nine alternatives for action and reviewed them for the Board. He believes that there should be a joint 45-Day Notice on the IWMA and the T & I rules and indicated that substantial revisions needed to be made to those rules.

Ms. Traci Thiele, Humboldt Watershed Council, expressed concern regarding the opportunity for public input. She believes that the public is viewed as combative by CDF. She then suggested a questionnaire to review teams include the reasons for plan returns. Ms. Thiele believes that the Committee should request the attendance of experts on subjects to be discussed in committee.

Mr. Dan Weldon, Forest Landowners of California (FLOC), expressed support and thanks for putting on the workshops. FLOC is proud to have had Bernie Agrons, a non-industrial timberland owner, deliver its message during the workshop. He then read sections from Mr.

Agrons written presentation on Timber Harvesting Plan Submission and Review Process into the record.

### **REPORT OF THE REDWOOD CREEK LANDOWNERS ASSOCIATION UPPER REDWOOD CREEK JUVENILE SALMONID DOWNSTREAM MIGRATION STUDY**

Mr. Bernie Bush, Redwood Creek Landowners Association, introduced the topic. He noted that the study conducted in 2000 resulted in a partnership with the Department of Fish and Game for 2001.

Mr. Steve Self provided a Power Point presentation for the Board.

Mr. O'Dell asked why there were no Coho salmon.

Mr. Self said that he did not know, but that it was possible that the temperature and pool complexities could be the reasons.

### **HEARING TO CONSIDER CHANGES IN BOUNDARIES OF STATE RESPONSIBILITY AREAS (SRA) AFFECTING WILDLAND FIRE PROTECTION**

Chairman Dixon introduced the topic.

Mr. John Craney, Division Chief with CDF, Fire Protection Operations Support, provided an overview of the options before the Board. The Board can adopt every recommendation or a portion, and the Board can decide implementation dates of the SRA changes. He then reviewed some background for the Board. He noted that the reason for the implementation delay is to allow time for compliance.

Mr. John Hoffman, Regulation Council of Rural Counties, spoke in opposition of the recommendation to reduce the SRA. He believes it would shift the burden of protection to the counties or local fire districts. The local government does not have the resources to provide fire protection.

Chairman Dixon noted that the issue before the Board did not relate to budget, only additions or deletions of lands to the SRA classification.

Mr. Bosetti asked if the SRA reduction would result in a reduction in coverage.

Mr. Craney did not believe it would.

Mr. Bryce Keller, North Tahoe Fire Chief, spoke in support of the proposed changes. He noted that it adds areas in Northern Tahoe to SRA.

**02-03-2** Mr. Bosetti moved to close the public hearing. Mr. O'Dell seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

**02-03-3** Mr. Bosetti moved to adopt the package as presented. Mr. O'Dell seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

## **CALIFORNIA FOREST PEST COUNCIL REPORT**

Mr. Bernie Bush read the written report, provided by the Chairman of the Pest Council, into the record. The Executive Board met on February 15, 2002, and reviewed its November 2001 Annual Meeting. There was a discussion of the possible topics for the 2002 Annual Meeting, which is scheduled for November 14 and 15, 2002. The Insect, Disease, and Weed Committees discussed plans for summer field tours. He noted that the Chairman of the California Oak Mortality Task Force presented two new members for review and approval by the CFPC Board. Arborist Ray Moritz was approved as a representative of land managers and Don Henry, of the California Department of Food and Agriculture, was approved as a representative of the regulatory community.

## **RANGE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE (RMAC)**

Mr. Tom Randolph, Secretary to the RMAC, announced that there would be a meeting of the RMAC Water Quality Focus Group on April 20, 2002. The Committee is working on BMPs for cattle grazing in Riparian areas.

Mr. O'Dell asked if RMAC had demonstration areas for a possible field trip.

Mr. Randolph said that they did not at this time; however, a study was in progress.

## **MONITORING STUDY GROUP (MSG)**

Mr. O'Dell provided a copy of the MSG meeting minutes and reviewed it for the Board. The MSG met at Howard Forest on February 19, 2002, and the meeting was well attended.

Mr. O'Dell noted that CDF provided a progress report on the Reference Watershed Catalog. It was agreed that the catalog should be expanded to include heavily disturbed watersheds with adequate fish and habitat data. The catalog will be renamed, "Watershed Reference Catalog" to reflect the change. The UC Cooperative Extension provided a presentation on the progress made on their contract with DFG to develop a program for monitoring fish habitat restoration projects. A pilot field test will take place this summer, and a final report is due by early 2003.

Mr. O'Dell said that Pete Cafferata provided the MSG with a Power Point presentation summarizing the Interagency Water Quality Monitoring Workshop held on January 15, 2002. He reviewed the conclusions from that session.

Mr. O'Dell reported that a representative from the California Geological Survey (CGS) suggested that the MSG should take an active role in helping to design and possibly fund selected THP project-level water quality monitoring projects, working cooperatively with the timber industry. Future MSG meetings will explore how to proceed with that concept.

Mr. O'Dell noted that the Department provided the MSG with an update on Modified Completion Report (MCR) monitoring, which utilizes CDF Forest Practice Inspectors. Two MCR training sessions are scheduled for JDSF on March 20 and 21, 2002. The next MSG meeting is scheduled for April 23, 2002, at Howard Forest.

## **PROFESSIONAL FORESTERS EXAMINING COMMITTEE (PFEC)**

Mr. Doug Ferrier, Chairman of the PFEC, provided the PFEC biannual report for the Board. He reported that the PFEC met five times since his last report. Two meetings were closed sessions regarding the October 2001 and the April 2002 RPF exams. Exam applications were reviewed, as well as the questions and answers for those exams. The other three meetings consisted of open and closed sessions. Closed sessions dealt with specific disciplinary cases, and open sessions

covered: The MOU between the Forest Service and the Board; What constitutes the nature of work experience used to qualify applicants to take the RPF exam; The grading criteria of the exam; The need to update the Committee document "The Professional Foresters Law and the Role of the Registered Professional Forester in Managing California's Forests;" and Review of the State of Maine's request for a reciprocal licensing agreement for registered foresters.

Mr. Ferrier provided the statistics of the October 2001 RPF exam for the Board. Out of the 30 applicants, eight passed, which was a 27 percent pass rate. He noted that since reaching a 10-year high pass rate in October 1998, there has been a steady decline. He reported that there are currently two RPFs, one retired and one consultant, under contract to grade the exams. During the last meeting of the PFEC, one of the exam graders sat in as the April exam was reviewed.

Mr. Ferrier reported that there are currently seven active cases in various stages of the complaint process. A California Geology Survey representative and other interested parties have put together three geology workshops for geology consultants who either are, or are considering becoming, involved in the THP process. The Committee was asked if representatives of the PFEC could participate in these workshops. He reported that Member Osipowich will attend the Santa Rosa workshop, Member Van Emmerik will attend the one in Eureka, and he would attend the Sacramento workshop.

Mr. Ferrier noted that he was a part of the three-member committee to interview the candidates for the position of Executive Officer for Foresters Licensing.

### **APPOINTMENTS TO THE RANGE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Mr. Bosetti introduced the topic and reviewed the nominations for the Board. He noted that the RMAC was a committee of 11 members and that five positions have expired. He indicated that four positions are nominated by organizations and one by the public. In 2003, the Board will be faced with the same situation. There will be five positions that expire on January 15, 2003. It has been proposed that three of those positions could be appointed to less than a four-year term. (Two terms of two years and one term of one year). Following that adjustment, there would be three vacancies to fill each year for the next three years, and two positions on the fourth year.

**02-03-4** Mr. Bosetti moved to approve the re-appointment and term expiration dates of Clancy Dutra, 2004; Henry Giacomini, 2006; Lennart Lindstrand, 2003; Ken Zimmerman, 2006; and J.R. McCollister, 2006 to the Range Management Advisory Committee. He also moved to approve the suggested staggered appointment approach for 2003. Mr. O'Dell seconded the Motion, and all were in favor.

### **REVIEW AND DISCUSSION OF CIVIL PENALTIES HEARING PROCEDURES, ref. 14 CCR §1057 AND 1058**

Mr. Tom Hoffman, CDF Forest Practice Law Enforcement Coordinator, introduced speakers who would provide background and procedural information for the Board.

Mr. Bruce Reeves, Deputy Attorney General and acting as lead attorney for CDF, provided background of the program. He noted that there are a number of hearings set for March, April, and May. He reviewed the hearing preparation procedure for the Board. There have been some instances where the individual has agreed to pay the penalties. He then reviewed the hearing procedure.

Mr. Hoffman said that 14 CCR §1058 outlines the procedures for when the Board conducts the hearing, which has not happened as yet. Section 1057 addresses procedural matters. He

provided more background on the Civil Penalties Program and its progression. He noted that money is not always the issue, and settlements are often discussed; also, to date, no individual has refused to pay the penalty, thus necessitating collection proceedings. He believes that the Civil Penalties Program will continue to be active and viable in CDF.

Mr. Heald wanted to know the goals of the program.

Mr. Hoffman believes that the Legislative intent is to deter future violations of environmental crimes.

Mr. Heald asked about the tools used to assess how well the goals were being achieved.

Mr. Hoffman said that the number of acres inspected in a particular area was an indication.

Mr. Heald urged the Department to come back to the Board with future reports regarding what goals were being achieved and the general costs of the program.

Mr. Rynearson noted that, so far, all of the Civil Penalty cases have been complaints against Licensed Timber Operators (LTO). However, they could be against landowners and RPFs too.

Mr. Hoffman said that the statement by Member Rynearson was correct, but that there are very few Code Sections that submitters have to comply with, thus, limiting the possible violations that could occur.

Mr. Rynearson asked if the Department refers all Civil Penalty cases to the Professional Foresters Examining Committee.

Mr. Hoffman indicated that if the Board wanted those cases, the Department could refer them.

Mr. Rynearson believes that determining the level of fine would be difficult for the Administrative Law Judge (ALJ).

Mr. Hoffman said that the ALJ makes decisions based on the infractions that are in the record and comes up with a decision whether to propose the entire amount recommended by CDF or to lower it.

Mr. Rynearson wanted to know if the ALJ has ever come back to the Department requesting a list of previous fines imposed and the types of infractions.

Mr. Reeves said that the ALJ has the discretion to make his or her own measurements of any of the factors that go into the final penalty amount.

Mr. Rynearson said that it is this Board that determines the final fine amount, and whether to adopt in total or reject the ALJ's findings.

Mr. Reeves said that was correct.

Mr. Rynearson questioned where the Department was regarding infractions.

Mr. Hoffman said that the infraction went into effect January 1, 2002, and CDF has an approved ticket book that was revised in June of 2000. The Department has proposed to the Judicial Council that, in addition to the language on the ticket, the Officer would hand out an explanatory sheet to the violator that tailors directions specific to forest practice type situations.

Chairman Dixon thanked the Department for answering many questions on the process of the Civil Penalties hearings.



Mr. Ryneanson asked about the time frames.

Mr. Hoffman said that the standard times frames in §1057 are fine. The Board chose to have ALJ hearings conducted pursuant to Government Code 11500 in the Administrative Procedures Act. In §1058, the Board may choose to hear the case. He indicated that there may be some issues regarding the amount of time the Board has to make a decision.

Mr. Sendek noted that during the Interim Committee meeting in 2001, §1058.5, which deals with determination was discussed including what the appropriate timeframe for the Board to render a decision should be once it receives a decision from the ALJ. The Board settled on 45 days from the date it receives the proposed decision for action by the ALJ. That is a tight timeframe when it becomes necessary to look at transcripts. He suggested that the Board modify §1058 to reflect an additional time period to allow for the ordering of transcripts when necessary.

Mr. Heald suggested waiting to consider the case until the transcripts arrive then begin the 45-day process.

Mr. Matthew Campbell, Deputy Attorney General and Board's Counsel, noted that the language in the preceding Section of 1058 requires that the Board, upon receipt of the ALJ's proposed decision, consider that proposal during the Board's next meeting.

Mr. Heald suggested that the regulation be changed to state that as soon as the Board receives all relative documents.

Mr. Campbell suggested that the Department could request the complete administrative record, including transcripts and the proposed decision at close of hearing in front of the ALJ.

Mr. Hoffman commented that the proposed decision goes directly to the Board, not the Department. Once the Department has been notified that the Board has received the proposed decision, it can provide all of the relevant documents listed in §1057.4, which is in the Administrative Record.

Chairman Dixon requested that the Interim Committee put this item on its agenda for the next meeting.

## **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **INTERIM COMMITTEE**

Mr. Heald, Chair of the Interim Committee, reported that the Committee discussed the activities of the Stewardship Committee. There will be another meeting of that committee on March 20, 2002. There was a thorough discussion regarding Stocking Credit for Retention of Large Trees, Large Decadent Trees, and Large Snags. This discussion item will continue.

Mr. Heald reported that there was no representative from the Oak Foundation at the meeting, therefore, the Oak Retention Standards item will go back on the agenda for April with an invitation to the Oak Foundation to participate in that discussion.

Mr. Heald said that the Committee discussed the Biomass Thinning under the Exemption process. This issue will come back to the Committee next month. He noted that the concept of a THP minor products exemption would also be discussed at the next meeting.

## **RESOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE (RPC)**

Mr. Bosetti reported that the Committee received reports from both the Northern and Southern Regions. Staffing levels in Southern California have increased and indicated that there is a need for a deficiency bill. A report on 4.0 staffing had been forwarded to the Department last year on the benefits and effect for consideration. That report will come to the Board when the Department has completed its evaluation. The Forest Service representative provided the same report to the Committee as was presented to the Board earlier today. The Committee reviewed AB62 and it recommends that Board staff address the adoption of proposed action plans from one of the counties during the next meeting. It is estimated that 10 action plans requiring Board approval will be coming in over the next few months and believes it prudent to have this on the agenda for the April Board meeting.

Mr. Bosetti said that the representative from Department of Fish and Game (DFG) reported that DFG was conducting a training session for its staff relative to fire safety, incident command procedures, prescribed fire, and the reduction of fuel treatments. DFG also reported that there would be a meeting of the Western Section of the Wildlife Society in Visalia this week. One session during that meeting will deal with wildland fire and its affect on wildlife.

## **AD HOC WATERSHED COMMITTEE (AD HOC)**

Mr. Rynearson, Chair of the *Ad Hoc* Committee, reported that the Committee believes that the IWMA package is ready for full Board consideration. The Committee reviewed § 916.13.5, which was the last area on concern. The Committee has drafted language for consideration and noticing by the full Board. The package is acceptable for a 15-day notice. He noted that the original package sunsets on August 24, 2002.

Mr. Rynearson reported that the Threatened and Impaired package is up for renewal and will sunset on December 31, 2002. The Committee noted that the IWMA package is tied directly to the T&I package. Without the T&I package, the sections referred to in the IWMA package are not effective. There would therefore be no need for the IWMA. The Committee also discussed whether the two packages should be linked together, and decided that they should not be noticed as a single package, but could go forward together through the review process. The recommendation from Committee is for the T&I package to go to the Board for consideration for public notice changing the sunset date from December 31, 2002, to December 31, 2003.

Mr. Rynearson reported that the Roads package will be thoroughly discussed in Committee next month. He believes that it may be necessary to have additional meetings on that issue.

Mr. Rynearson said that the recommendations of the *Ad Hoc* Watershed Rules Committee are to move the IWMA and the T&I packages forward for public hearing with the noted changes.

Mr. Heald suggested sending the packages forward so that vote occurs on the same date. He expressed concern regarding the ending date of December 31, 2003; he believes that would put the Board in the same place next year.

Mr. O'Dell agreed that there is a need to put the package forward, but that both packages should be processed together. He believes that there may be a need to review expiration dates. The goal is to ultimately have permanent rules.

Mr. Rynearson said that the hearing dates can be in sync.

**02-03-5** Mr. Rynearson moved to send the IWMA package out for a 15-Day Notice and the T&I package, changing the date from December 31, 2002, to December 31, 2003, out for a 45-Day Notice. Mr. Bosetti seconded the motion and all were in favor.

## **REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

Mr. Daniel Sendek, Executive Officer for the Board, reported that he attended the Federal SOD Quarantine Rules Hearing in Petaluma on February 27, 2002, and complimented the Department on its presentation. He indicated that he would follow that progress.

Mr. Sendek reviewed current Legislation for the Board and indicated that he would follow the progress of the bills and report back to the Board. He read a letter from the Lieutenant Governor Cruz Bustamante congratulating the Board on being awarded the 2001 Governor's Environmental and Economic Leadership Award into the record. He noted that the Award was based on the efforts of the Border Agency Fire Council, and that this was a tribute and legacy to former Board Member Nikki Clay.

## **NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There was nothing under this item.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman Dixon adjourned the March 2002 meeting of the Board.

Respectfully submitted,

ATTEST:

Daniel R. Sendek  
Executive Officer

Stan Dixon  
Chairman

Copies of the attendance sheets can be obtained from the Board Office.